

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application.

Restriction/Election

The Examiner has required restriction between the inventions of Groups I-XII.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, applicants elect Group II, claims 1-9, 24 and 25 (in part), with traverse.

The Examiner cites Katz et al. STN International, HCPLUS Database, Columbus, OH, Accession No. 2002:115753, Reg. No. 83495-30-1 (2007) at page 7 of the Office Action. However, this reference related to organic semiconductors and does not relate to the present claims. In addition, the present claims do not recite the compounds disclosed in the Katz et al. reference. Therefore, it cannot be maintained that the Katz et al. reference discloses the special technical feature of the present claims which defines a contribution over the prior art.

Applicants respectfully submit that Unity of Invention exists for all of the present claims. Furthermore, applicants note that Groups II and IX relate to compounds and methods of using which have the same special technical feature, and thus constitute a single invention under unity of invention rules. See 37 C.F.R. 1.475(b). Accordingly, applicants submit that at a minimum the restriction between groups II and IX must be immediately withdrawn and these claims examined together.

Conclusion

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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